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Testimony of Michael Schramm in Support of:

HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION
TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED
V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

GAE Committee Public Hearing
Monday March 2, 1pm
Room 2A

Chairman Jutila, Chairman Cassano, Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, for the record my name is Michael Schramm of West Hartford, CT and I am here to testify in support of HJ 64 RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION TO OVERTURN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN CITIZENS UNITED V. FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.

I believe that money has a corrosive influence on the political system. In the '04 election, the New York Times reflected on this corruptive influence: "The steady advance in the influence of money in our public life [acts] as a poison on the minds and hearts... when a man of [the President's] native scorn for corruption can be the willing, the eager beneficiary of funds paid into his campaign... with the undisguised hope that it will be repaid in favors."

That was the 1904 Presidential Election. If the money in politics has been such a corruptive force since the beginning of the 20th century, what is left to say about it now? We are losing our democracy.